
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5100

AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO APPLY FOR SECURITY SERVICE LICENSES.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows anyone who is a state or municipal police officer or otherwise vested with police powers to be licensed as a security guard or security service (a business that provides security guard services). Under current law, these people are ineligible for licensure.

The bill allows a state or municipal police officer to be licensed as a security service, irrespective of his or her management, supervisory, or work experience. Any other person vested with police powers must meet current law's standards for security service license applicants, which is five years of supervisory experience in security or law enforcement work or 10 years of work experience as a state or local police officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

SECURITY SERVICE AND SECURITY OFFICER

By law, every private security business, whether operated by an individual or corporate entity, must be licensed as a security service by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Security guards must also be licensed by DPS. Under current law, police officers and people vested with police powers are ineligible for licensure. The bill makes them eligible for both licenses.

Under current law, an applicant for licensure as a security service must, among other things, have had at least (1) five years supervisory or management experience (a) in industrial security, (b) with a federal or state security agency, or (c) with a state or municipal police department or (2) 10 years experience as a state or municipal police officer. The bill allows licensure of police officers irrespective of their

years of service or management or supervisory experience. Other people vested with police powers must have the required management or supervisory experience and years of service.

BACKGROUND

Security Service Definition

A “security service” is any person, firm, association, or corporation that, for consideration, provides guard services, including services intended to prevent or detect intrusion, entry, larceny, vandalism, abuse, fire, or trespass on property.

Security Guard License Qualification

An applicant for a security guard license must, among other things, complete at least eight hours of training in basic first aid, search and seizure laws and regulations, use of force, basic criminal justice, and public safety issues.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)